

Western RTAC State Report 10/12/2007



PHTLS Books

- Kevin Fitzgerald new EMS system manager
- In the past 50 books purchased for each region
- WRTAC books out:
 - Missoula (Don Whalen)
 - Kalispell
 - Butte
- Volunteer to manage books?



Trauma Registry

- Report for the RTAC every 6 months
- Increasing facility participation
 - Paper format



Trauma Facility Designation



- 1 consultation for a hospital remaining
- 9 facilities designated by State
 - 5 with ACS
- Applications for more
- Visited 3 clinics
 - Eureka last
 - Charging issues
- Find the rest



Air Medicine



- Focus on system of care
- Helicopter dispatch guidelines
- Flight protocols
- Packaging
- Other issues as identified
- Start with flight services
- 2008



Senate Joint Resolution 5



Study issues and challenges involving emergency care in Montana

Interim Legislative Committee

Senate Joint Resolution 5

A joint resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana requesting an interim study to identify the issues and challenges involved in providing emergency care and to report on strategies that can strengthen Montana's emergency medical services system.



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- (1) gather information from stakeholders and customers of the state's emergency care system,**
- (2) conduct a statewide assessment of issues that communities face relating to emergency medical services;**
- (3) identify challenges to the continued viability of the state's emergency care system; and**
- (4) identify objectives and strategies that will help ensure the continued viability of the system.**



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- 🚑 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions, comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 61st Legislature.



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 **June 2007-January 2008:**
Compile background information





Several steps that will provide the committee with information on the current system and the concerns of those involved with the system.



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 June 2007-January 2008:

Compile background information.

-  June 26, 2007 – discussed study work plan
-  Sept. 24, 2007 – presentations by EMSTS, BOME, cities and counties
-  Nov. 16, 2007 – will be presentations by field providers
-  Jan. 25, 2008 – will be report by Legislative Audit Division - review of EMSTS & EMS



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 **January 25, 2008 - Identify Issues**

Review the information compiled to date.

Committee will begin to identify issues it would like to address with further analysis or legislation.



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March 2008-August 2008:

Review and decide legislative options.

Discuss and act on issues the committee wants to address through the legislative process.



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Emergency Medical Services

A Guide for Elected Officials



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Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee

The Children and Families Interim Committee is a joint bipartisan committee of the Legislature that meets between legislative sessions to monitor the [Department of Public Health and Human Services](#); conduct interim studies; and generally review issues related to health and human services.

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Meeting Schedule and Meeting Materials

Next Meeting: Nov. 16, 2007

Last Meeting: [Sept. 24, 2007](#) - [Agenda](#) - [News Release](#) - [Meeting Audio](#)

[Full Meeting Schedule](#)

[Committee Work Plan](#) (Adopted June 26, 2007)



Information and Updates - website



<http://MontanaEMS.mt.gov>

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Montana's Official State Website

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Montana EMS & Trauma Systems Section
Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

It is our mission to reduce death and disability by providing leadership and coordination to the emergency care community in assessing, planning, developing and promoting comprehensive, evidence-based emergency medical and trauma services.

10/1/2007 EMS Management Symposium Scholarships Available
We received information that \$100 travel scholarships to the **EMS Management Symposium** are available to all participants. Funded through a grant from the Montana Highway Traffic Safety office, forms for these scholarships will be available at the meeting. For more information, contact Kevin Fitzgerald at EMSTS, 444-3895.

09/17/2007 Montana's First EMS Management Symposium
With the financial support of the EMS & Trauma Systems Section (through grant funds received from Montana Highway Traffic Safety) and the Western EMS Network, this pre-course to the MEMSA conference is also supported by MEMSA and the North Central EMS Cooperative.

Service manager education was one of four high-priority system needs chosen by the EMS System Task force at their last meeting. With several national speakers, this course promises to provide service managers with excellent information about budgets and the 'value' of your EMS service, reimbursement and billing issues, EMS law and recruitment and retention issues. [MORE](#)

09/17/2007 Legislative Committee Begins Study of Emergency Services
A legislative Committee will begin work on two studies related to health care services when it meets Sept. 24 in Helena. [MORE](#)

Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee Committee Website with committee membership and other info; meeting schedules, minutes and audio; study plans and reports.



Information and Updates - listserv

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EMSTS BULLETIN

A Newsletter of the Montana EMS & Trauma Systems Section

• June 2007 •



EMSTS Bulletin – Introductory Edition

Welcome to our introductory edition of the EMSTS Bulletin. Getting current information out to our customers and partners can be challenging. To that end, we've renewed our commitment to keeping our website fresh, complete and up-to-date. Complementing the website, we've created an EMS listserv to enable us to push information out through that medium. While several editions of this newsletter will be distributed both on paper and through the listserv, the goal is to be totally electronic.

Legislative Update

Highlights of some key legislative activities this session include:

HB461 – Cigarette fire safety standards - passed & signed by the Governor

An act requiring 'reduced ignition propensity' cigarettes - i.e. requires sale of cigarettes which will self extinguished if not being actively smoked.

